

**Whereas**, it is with tremendous respect and admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse daily endeavors in order to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State organizations which are devoted to serving others; and

**Whereas**, Armour Home and the Gillis Center of Kansas City are two stellar organizations whose roots are intricately involved with the Women's Christian Association which was incorporated in 1870 when a group of twenty ladies from affluent pioneer families vowed to help area women and children who were facing extreme economic hardship after the Civil War; and

**Whereas**, currently run by President and Chief Executive Officer James Ridder, Armour Home encompasses independent living, assisted living, and complete nursing home facilities for more than one hundred thirty persons whose average stay is more than ten years; and

**Whereas**, now headed by President and Chief Executive Officer Anna Stone, the Gillis Center focuses on people found at the opposite end of the age spectrum by providing residential care and special education for young, school-aged boys as part of a mission to assist children and families in becoming healthy and self-sufficient through community and campus based services, including intensive short-term services offered in client homes that focus on preventing out-of-home placement or reuniting a family once separation has occurred; and

**Whereas**, Armour Home and the Gillis Center recently observed the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of their independent establishments as part of the ongoing visionary work of the Women's Christian Association; and

**Whereas**, Armour Home and the Gillis Center also celebrated a successful joint capital improvement fund-raising goal for 2003 which will provide much-needed monies for improvements in facilities and services at both locations:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, intertwined histories of Armour Home and the Gillis Center and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their mission and our heartiest congratulations for a highly successful capital improvement campaign in 2003; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Armour Home and the Gillis Center of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Jenée Lowe  
District No. 44

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4267, adopted September 26, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker